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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 483486 MDA	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/NZ03/00192	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 29 August 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 October 2002
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title, the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

- as suggested by the applicant.

- None of the figures

- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

- because this figure better characterizes the invention

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An amusement ride including a non-continuous track (2) supported over a curved path and extending between a high end (9) and a low end (4) for transporting riders (7, 8). The track (2) includes at least two independent running rails (34, 35). The amusement ride also includes at least one carrier (32, 33) arranged to carry at least one rider on each running rail (34, 35) of the track (2). The carriers (32, 33) include attachment means (36, 37) arranged to slidingly engage with the running rails (34, 35) to enable the carriers (32, 33) to descend carrying the riders (7, 8) from the high end (9) to the low end (4).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: A63G 31/08, 7/00, 33/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 DWPI:IPC A63G 1/-, 25/-, 21/-, 7/-, 31/-, 33/- & keywords: (roller coaster, amusement ride, track, rail, non-continuous, carrier, dual) and similar terms.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 96/22821 A (D C F HICKMAN LIMITED) 1 August 1996 Whole document	1-37
A	US 6402624 B1 (LARSON ET AL) 11 June 2002 Whole document	1-37
P,A	WO 02/085478 A (SHEPHERD ET AL) 31 October 2002 Whole document	1-37

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
WO	96/22821	AU	44543/96		
US	6402624	AU	16260/00	US	2002042303
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